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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) An integrated circuit comprising a processor-and-non-volatile memory and a tamper detection line, the non-volatile memory storing a first number and a second number and the tamper detection line being arranged to obscure operation of the non-volatile memory, wherein the second number is the result of an encryption function taking a third number and secret information as operands, the integrated circuit comprising software configured to decrypt the second number using the first number, thereby to determine the secret information as required.
- 2. (Original) An integrated circuit according to claim 1, wherein the first and third numbers are the same.
- 3. (Original) An integrated circuit according to claim 1, wherein the first and second numbers are of the same length.
- 4. (Original) An integrated number according to claim 1, wherein the first number is a random number that was generated using a stochastic process.
- 5. (Original) An integrated circuit according to claim 1, wherein the encryption function is an XOR logical function.
- 6. (Original) An integrated circuit according to claim 5, wherein the software is configured to decrypt the second number by performing an XOR logical function using the first and second numbers as operands.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a plurality of integrated circuits in accordance with claim 1, including the steps, for each integrated circuit, the steps of: determining the first number, the third number and the secret information;
- generating the second number by way of an encryption function that uses the third number and the secret information as operands;

storing the first and second numbers on the integrated circuit; and

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obscuring the operation of the non-volatile memory with noise on the tamper detection line.

- 8. (Original) A method according to claim 7, wherein the first number is different amongst at least a plurality of the integrated circuits.
- 9. (Original) A method according to claim 8, wherein the first numbers are determined randomly, pseudo-randomly, or arbitrarily.
- 10. (Original) A method according to claim 7, wherein the first number is stored on the integrated circuit first, then extracted therefrom for use in generating the third and thence the second number.